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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/986,622 ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION )  
FURNACE FOR DRAWING )  
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS )  
TO OPTICAL FIBRES )

Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 26, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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